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SUBJECT: EOP- FY-2004 MINNESOTA NRCS CIVIL RIGHTS AWARDS WINNERS

Purpose. To announce the winners of the MN NRCS Civil Rights Awards.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005.

The MN NRCS Civil Rights Individual Award for FY 2004

Awarded to Mary Monte - Mary Monte, District Conservationist in Cambridge, made special efforts to develop and maintain a relationship with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Her numerous contacts via mail, email, telephone and person to person were instrumental in creating this relationship. After over two years of continued contact, Mary's efforts resulted in the first successful EQIP contract with the Band in 2004. Her efforts have resulted in a conservation partnership between the Band and NRCS.

The MN NRCS Civil Rights Group/Team Award for FY 2004

Awarded to Stone Hill Regional Park – Del Clark Lake Accessibility Project - Since 2001, NRCS and partners have completed the following three major milestones:

- A designated parking area with three van-accessible parking lanes;
- The installation of a floating pier; and,
- The installation of concrete pathways between the parking area, restrooms, fishing pier and the picnic pad site.

NRCS project participants included: William Hunt, Michael Appel, Paul Bridgland, Gary Blough, Calvin Dunblazier, John Brach, Scott Swanberg, Brett Coleman, Jim Axell, Randy Nelson and Pooh Vongkhamdy.

Key partners that made the project a success: Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, Jeff Brown from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Trails & Waterways, and Prairie Country RC&D

The final installation of the project was completed in 2004 and the park is now accessible to all persons.

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